

**Timeline**  
**Three-Judge Panel and California Inmate Population Reduction**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event and Description</b>	<b>Population Housed In-State</b>
11/13/06:	Plaintiffs files motion to convene a three-judge panel in <i>Plata vs. Schwarzenegger</i> under the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) claiming that overcrowding in CDCR prisons results in unconstitutional medical care.	<b>162,466</b>
07/23/07:	U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson grants plaintiffs' motion to convene a Three Judge Panel, finding they have satisfied requirements under the PLRA to convene a three-judge panel.	<b>161,599</b>
08/30/08:	The Court prohibits the parties from discovery of evidence concerning prison conditions after August 30, 2008.	<b>156, 352</b>
11/18/08:	Three-Judge Panel Trial 11/18/08 to 12/18/08 (population date taken from 12/1/08).	<b>155, 922</b>
02/03/09:	Three-Judge Panel closing arguments 2/3/09 - 2/4/09.	<b>153, 649</b>
08/04/09:	Three-Judge Panel issues a 184-page opinion ordering the state to reduce its adult institution population to 137.5 percent of design capacity within two years.	<b>150, 118</b>
09/03/09:	The State appeals the August 4, 2009, order to the U.S. Supreme Court.	<b>149, 375</b>
9/18/09:	CDCR submits a Population Reduction Plan, which proposed mechanisms to safely reach a population level of 137.5 percent over time.	<b>149, 750</b>
10/21/09:	The Court rejects defendants' population-reduction plan finding that it failed to meet the two-year requirement of its 8/4/09 order.	<b>150, 983</b>
11/12/09:	CDCR submits a revised Population-Reduction Plan to reduce the prison population to 137.5 percent within two years.	<b>150, 919</b>
01/12/10:	The Three-Judge Panel orders the state to reduce its prison population by six-month benchmarks to 137.5 percent within two years.	<b>151, 036</b>
01/19/10:	The State files an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of the Three-Judge Panel's January 12 order to reduce the prison population.	<b>150, 958</b>
06/14/10:	The U.S. Supreme Court announces that it will take the case.	<b>148,412</b>
05/23/11:	The U.S. Supreme Court rules 5-4 upholding the Three-Judge Panel's finding that overcrowding is the "primary" source of unconstitutional medical care. The court orders CDCR to release prisoners until the inmate population is reduced to 137.5 percent of the design capacity (or 109,805 prisoners) within two years.	<b>143,435</b>